

a plurality of servers, each server being programmed with a specific trading strategy algorithm and configured to receive trade orders and execute said trade orders according to said specific trading strategy algorithm;

a<sup>1</sup> said plurality of servers being connected to a plurality of clients over a communication network, each client being configured to generate a trade order and transmit said trade order over said communication network to a selected server of said plurality based upon a selected trading strategy.

2. (Amended) A method for executing a trade order for a security, comprising the steps of:

providing a server connected to a communication network, said server being programmed with a specific trading strategy algorithm, said trading strategy algorithm defining how a trade order is to be entered into a trade forum;

receiving at said server over said network a trade order from a customer; and  
executing the received order in a trade forum according to actions determined by said specific trading strategy algorithm.

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17. (New) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein said selected server is programmed with a trading strategy algorithm corresponding to said selected trading strategy.

a<sup>2</sup> 18. (New) The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a central server coupled with said plurality of servers and with said plurality of clients, said central server

configured to receive said trade orders and route said trade orders to said selected server based on said selected trading strategy.

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19. (New) The system as recited in claim 18, wherein said central server is programmed with a trading strategy algorithm corresponding to said selected trading strategy.

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